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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. Copy of the reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully confirm pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the instant information disclosure statement.

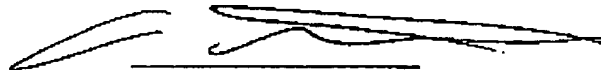
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No fee is believed to be required since neither the Final Office Action nor the Notice of Allowance have been generated for the present application, and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1) is provided herewith. However, if any fee is due for this submission, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2054.

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| | English-language translation of the Korean Office Action issued in the Korean Patent application dated March 27, 2006 |
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